MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER 10-261 PROPONENT AHRC-PDP-A

TITLE OPERATION NEW DAWN - REVISED CAMPAIGN, EXPEDITIONARY AND SERVICE MEDAL POLICY

...ISSUED: [05 OCT 10]...

- A. AR 600-8-22, MILITARY AWARDS, 11 DEC 2006.
- B. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE LTR, 1 SEP 2010.
- 1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE REVISED CAMPAIGN, EXPEDITIONARY AND SERVICE MEDAL POLICY FOR OPERATION NEW DAWN (OND). ON FEBRUARY 17, 2010, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ISSUED A MEMORANDUM TO CHANGE THE NAME OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) TO OND. THIS MEMORANDUM INCORPORATES OND INTO DOD POLICY FOR AWARD OF THE FOLLOWING MEDALS.
- (A) IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ICM) EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, OND IS AN APPROVED OPERATION FOR AWARD OF THE ICM. THE AREA OF ELIGIBILITY (AOE) REMAINS THE LAND AREA OF IRAQ, THE CONTIGUOUS WATER AREA OF IRAQ OUT TO 12 NAUTICAL MILES, AND THE AIRSPACE ABOVE THE DESIGNATED LAND AND WATER AREAS. ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA REMAINS THE SAME. THIS WILL NOT MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CAMPAIGN PHASE.
- (B) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOT-EM) EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, OND IS AN APPROVED OPERATION FOR AWARD OF THE GWOT-EM: THE AOE FOR OND IS IDENTICAL TO THE AOE FOR OIF. ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA REMAINS THE SAME.
- (C) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL (GWOT-SM) EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, OND IS AN APPROVED OPERATION FOR AWARD OF THE GWOT-SM. ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA REMAINS THE SAME.
- 2. CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE LATEST VERSION OF AR 600-8-22, CURRENTLY UNDER REVISION.
- 3. FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, CONTACT THE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS BRANCH AT (703)325-8700, VIA EMAIL AT HRCAWARDS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL OR VISIT THE HRC WEBSITE AT